

# Tendenze dello stato trofico e delle ipossie nel golfo di Trieste

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# Hypoxic zones in Mediterranean Sea

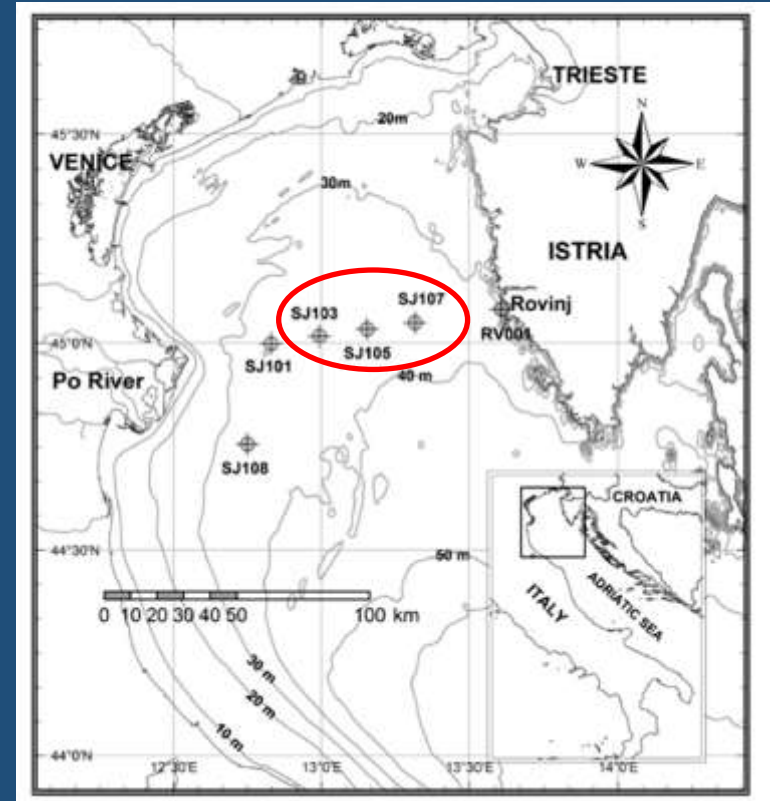
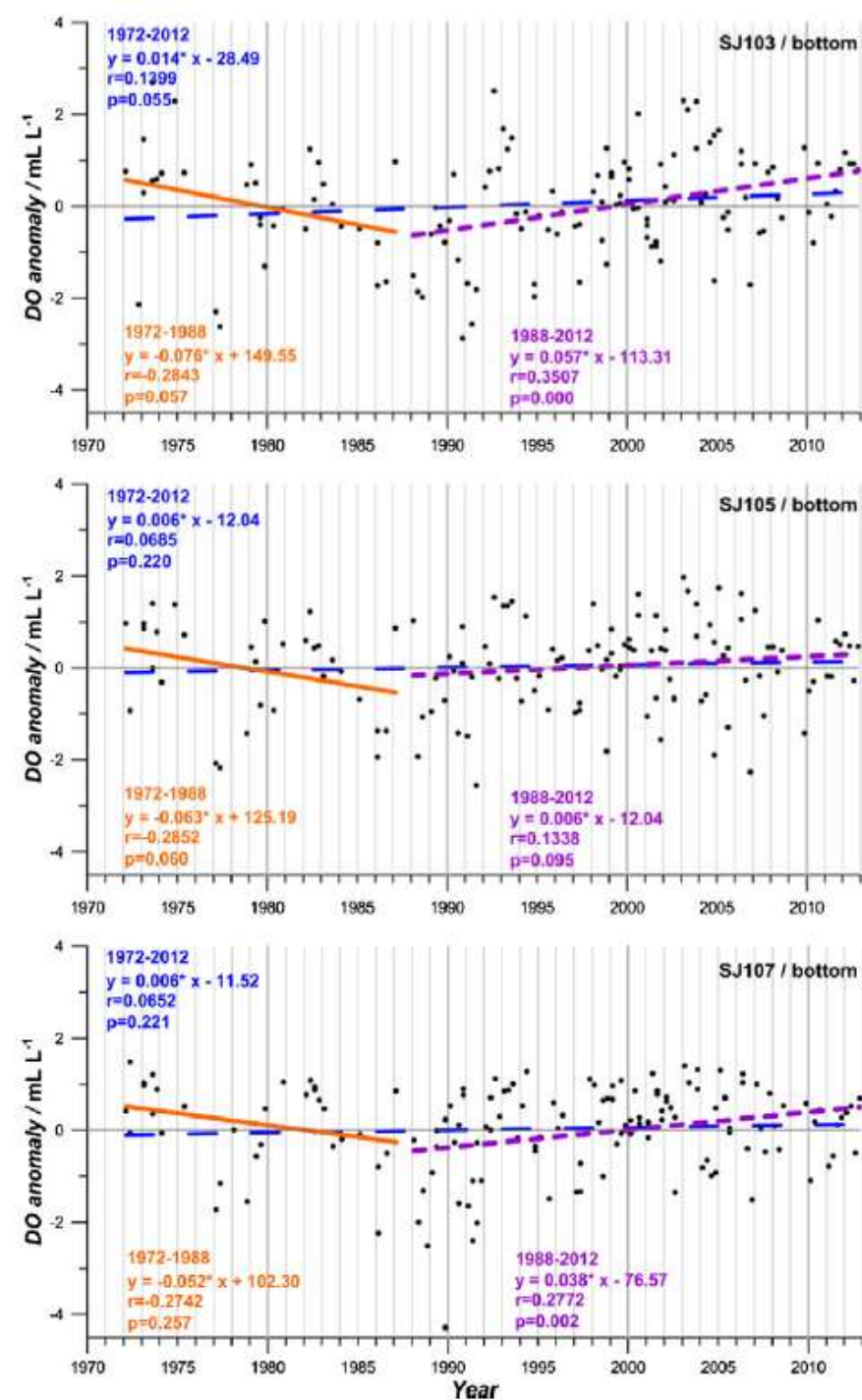
## Hypoxia in the Mediterranean Sea



Sources: WRI, Interactive Map of Eutrophication & Hypoxia, accessed on December 2011; National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, Mediterranean Cumulative Impacts Model, online database, accessed on December 2011.

Source : UNEP 2012

# Oxygen in bottom waters 1972-2012



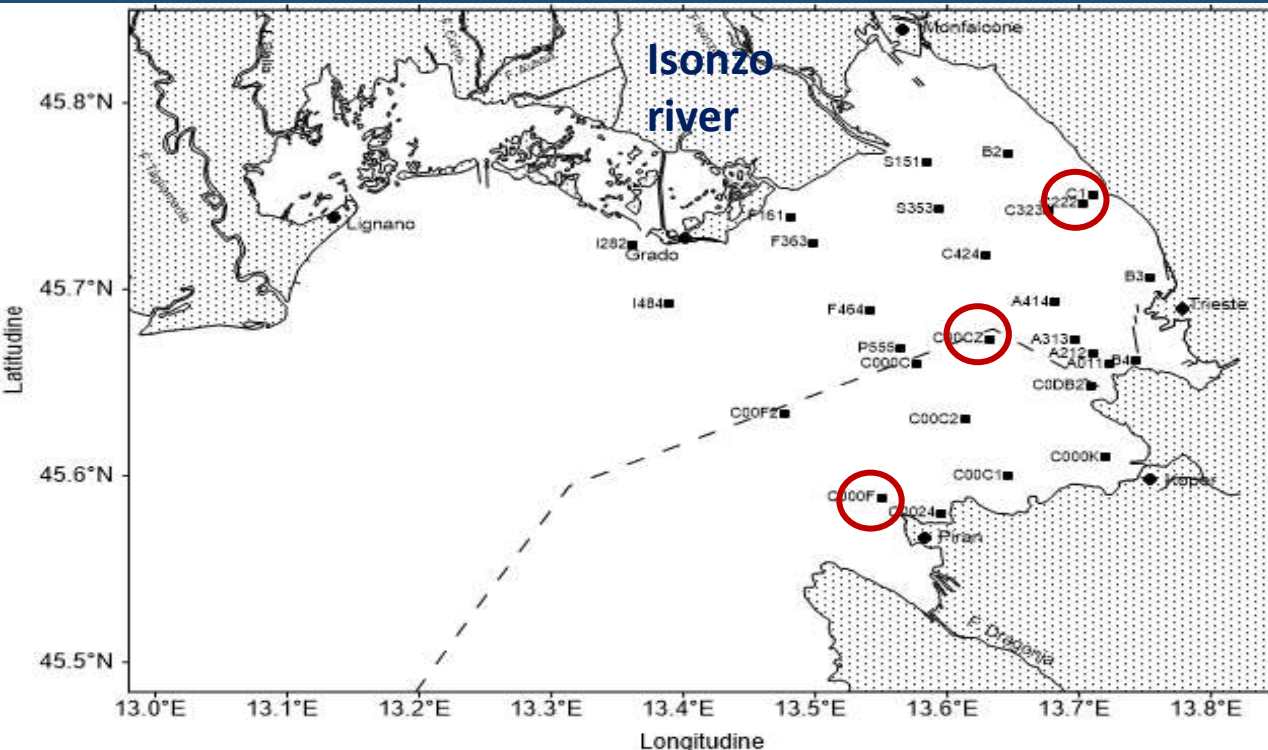
From

Djakovac T, Supic N, Bernardi Aubry F, Degobbis D, Giani M  
Mechanisms of hypoxia frequency changes in the northern Adriatic Sea during the period 1972-2012  
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# Objectives

- evaluate the temporal and spatial extent of some recent hypoxia events
- verify if there are long term changes of the nutrients, chlorophyll a, and oxygen concentrations in the waters
- identify the main drivers of the O<sub>2</sub> changes and of the recent hypoxic events

# Gulf of Trieste



## Bottom depths

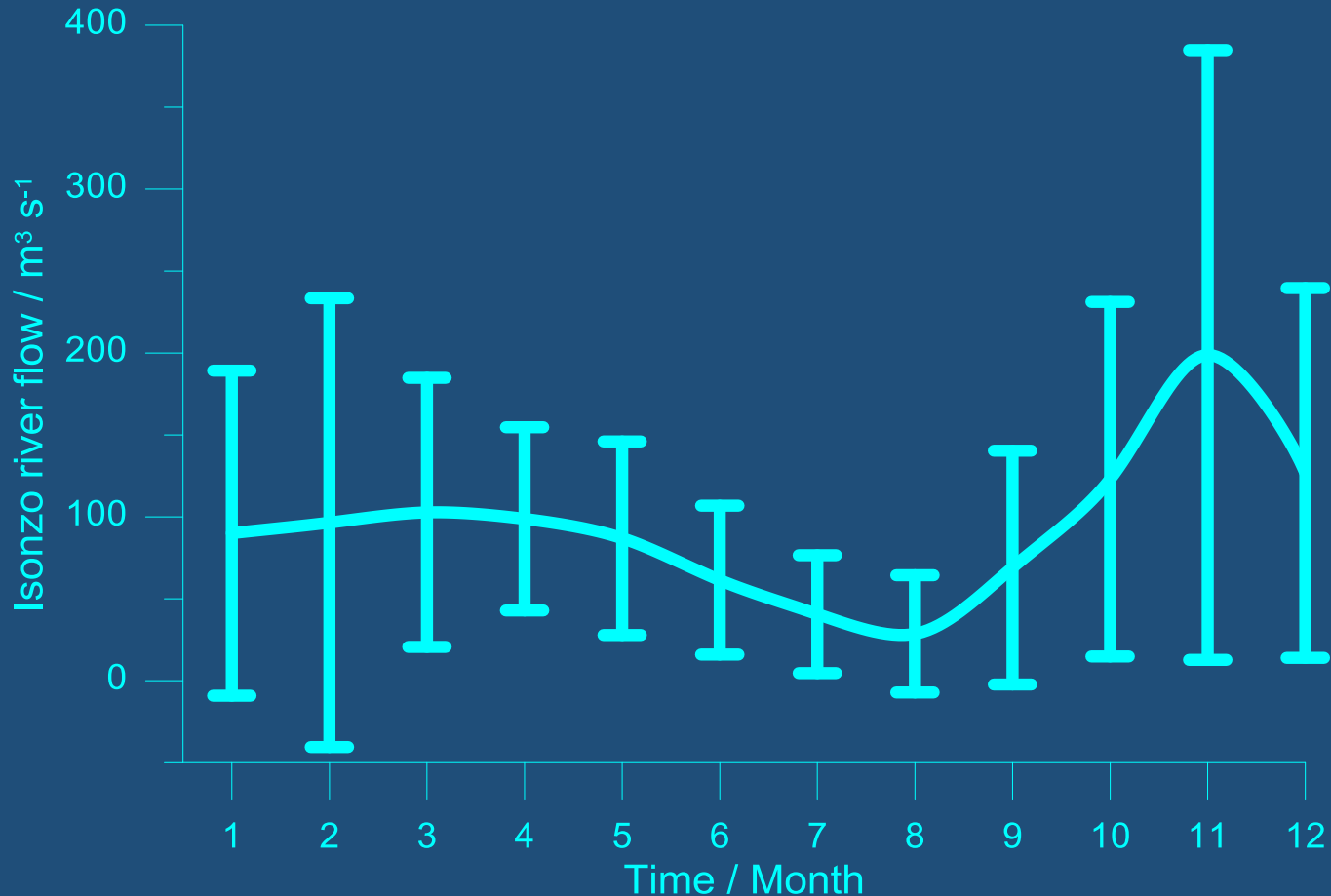
C1: 17.5 m

CZ: 24 m

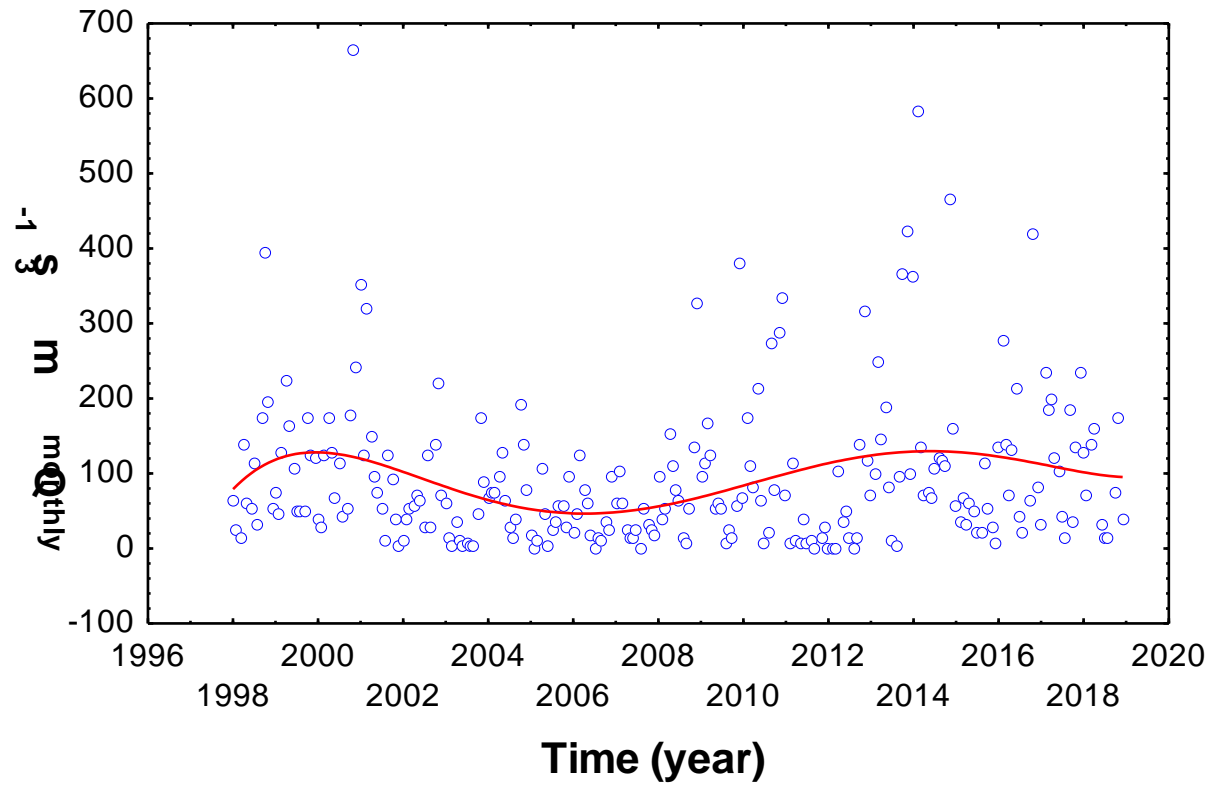
00F: 22 m

- CDT O<sub>2</sub> profiles at 28 stations in July & August 2015&16; ARPAFVG, OGS, NIB
- C1 1986-2016, monthly T, S, O<sub>2</sub>, chla, nutrients; OGS
- 00F 1983-2016, monthly T, S, O<sub>2</sub>, chla, nutrients; NIB
- CZ 1989-2016, monthly T, S, O<sub>2</sub>, chla, nutrients; NIB
- Plankton respiration, Primary production measures, OGS & NIB

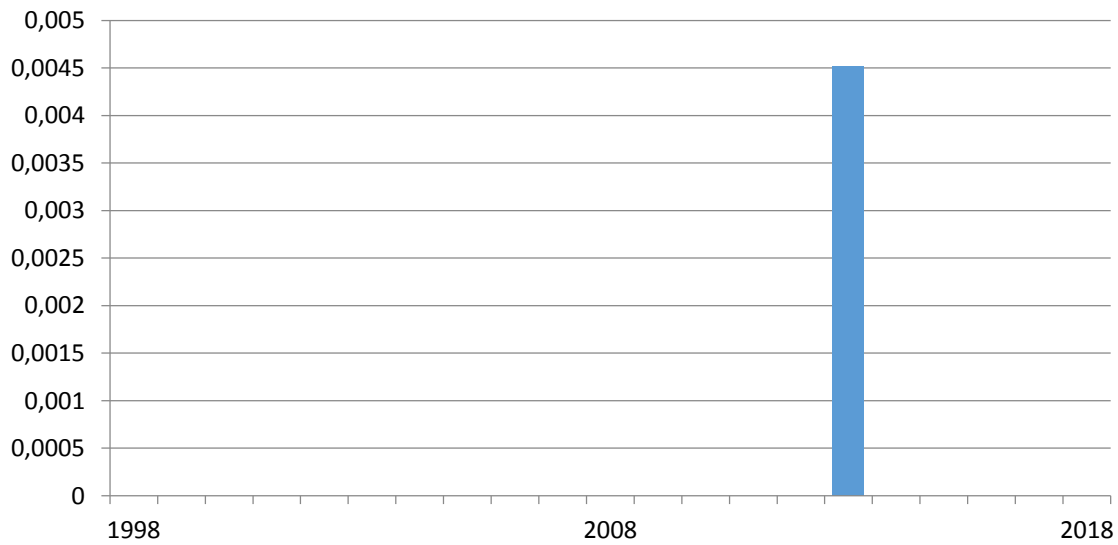
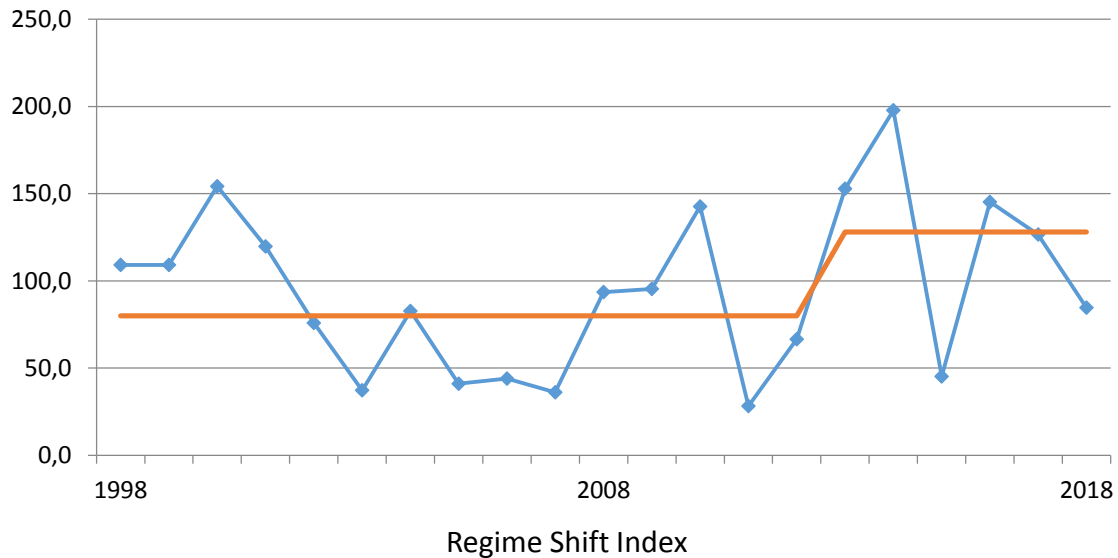
# Monthly flow of Isonzo river 1998-2016



# Isonzo River discharge 1998-2018

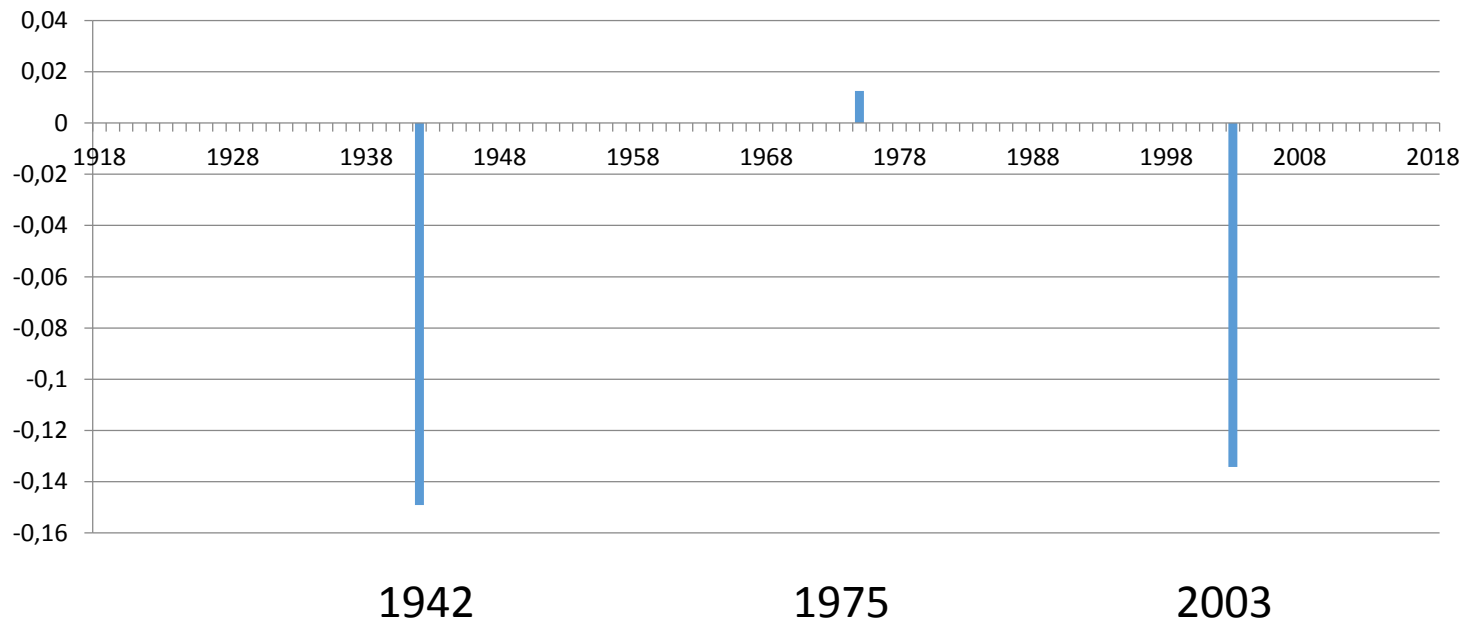
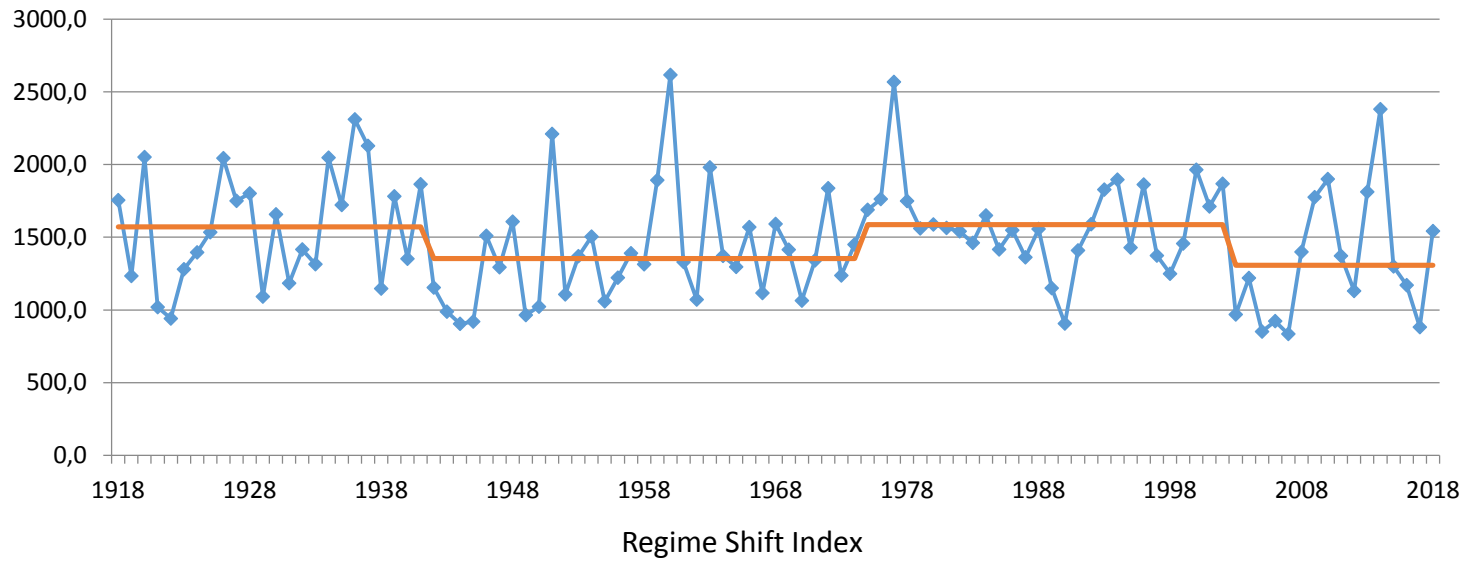


Shifts in the mean for Q year m3 s-1, 1998-2018  
Target  $p = 0.1$ , cutoff length = 5, tuning constant = 1

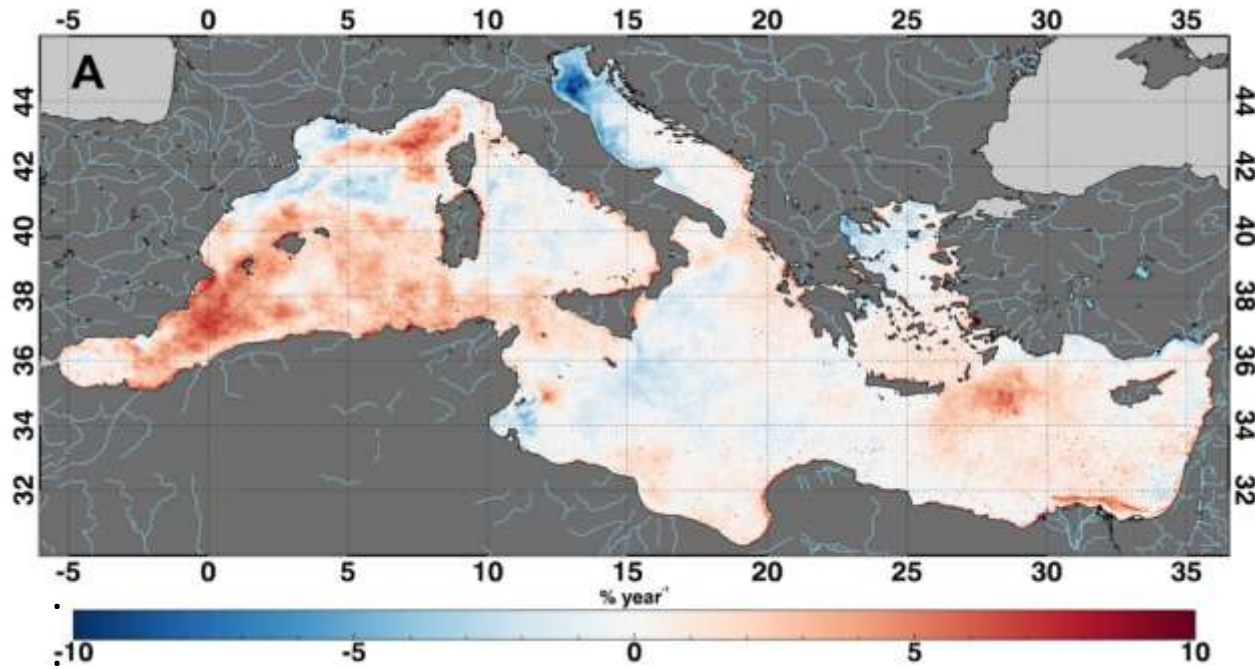




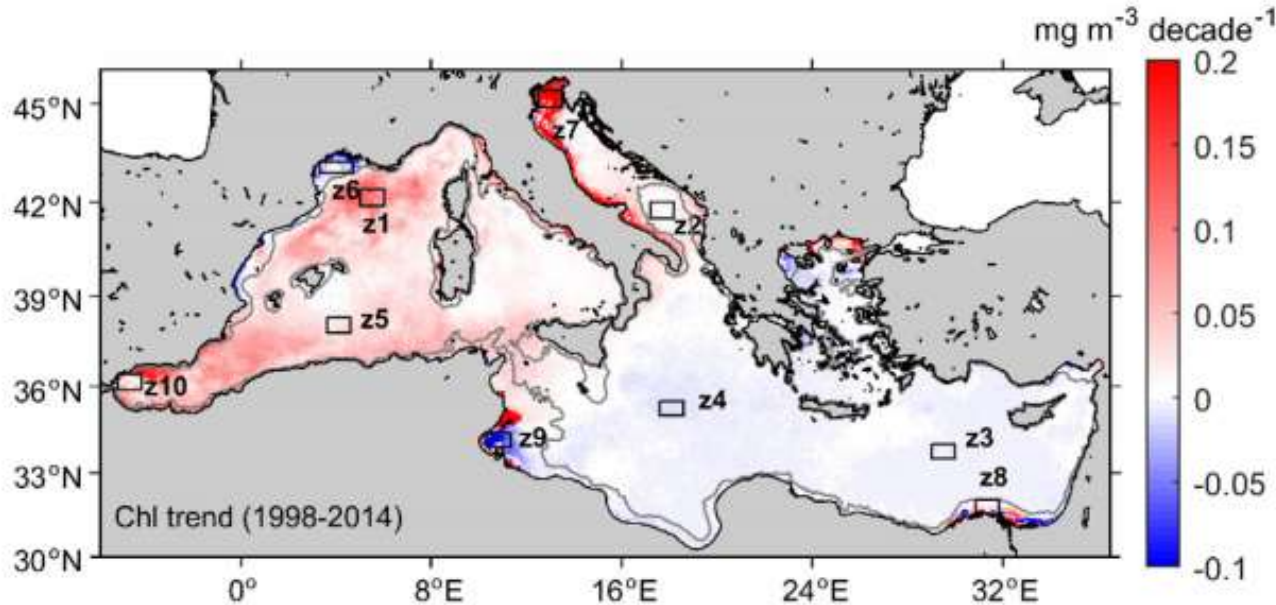
Shifts in the mean for Q m3 s-1, 1918-2018  
Target p = 0.09, cutoff length = 10, tuning constant = 1.5



Chlorophyll concentration trend relative to 1998–2009 time period. From Colella et al., 2016



Chl trends in the Mediterranean Sea for the 1998–2014.



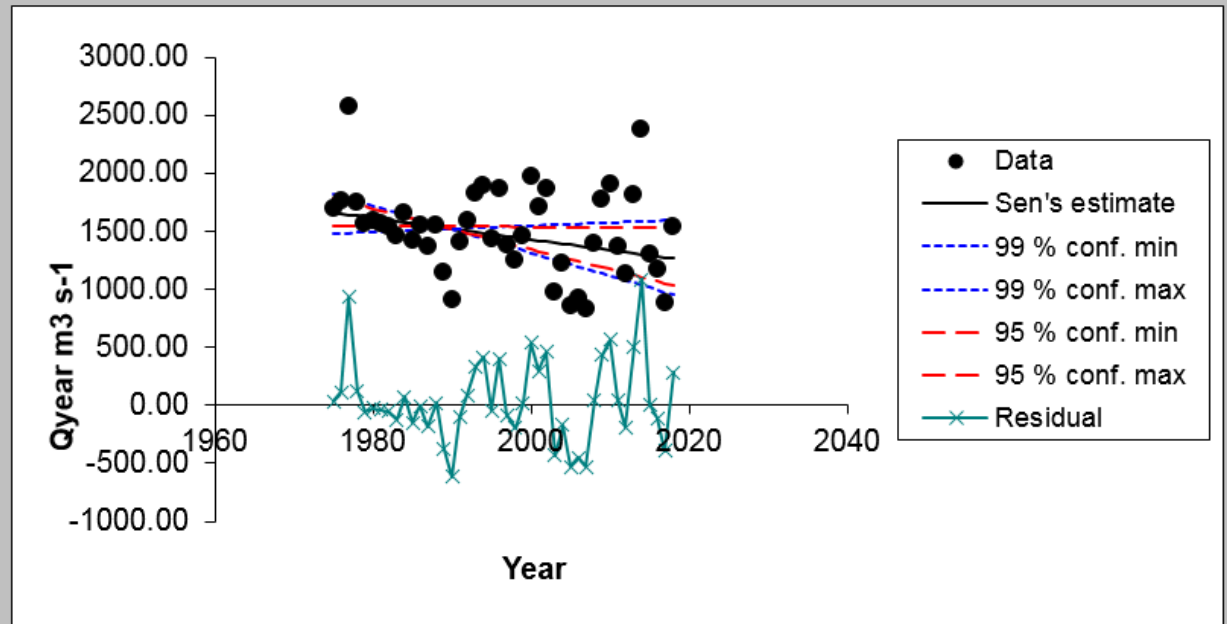
From Salgado-Hernanz et al., 2019

# Po river discharges

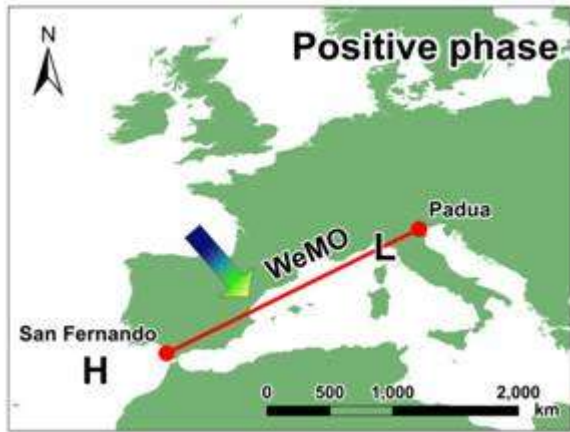
## Man Kendall test

Period: 1975-2018 (44 years)

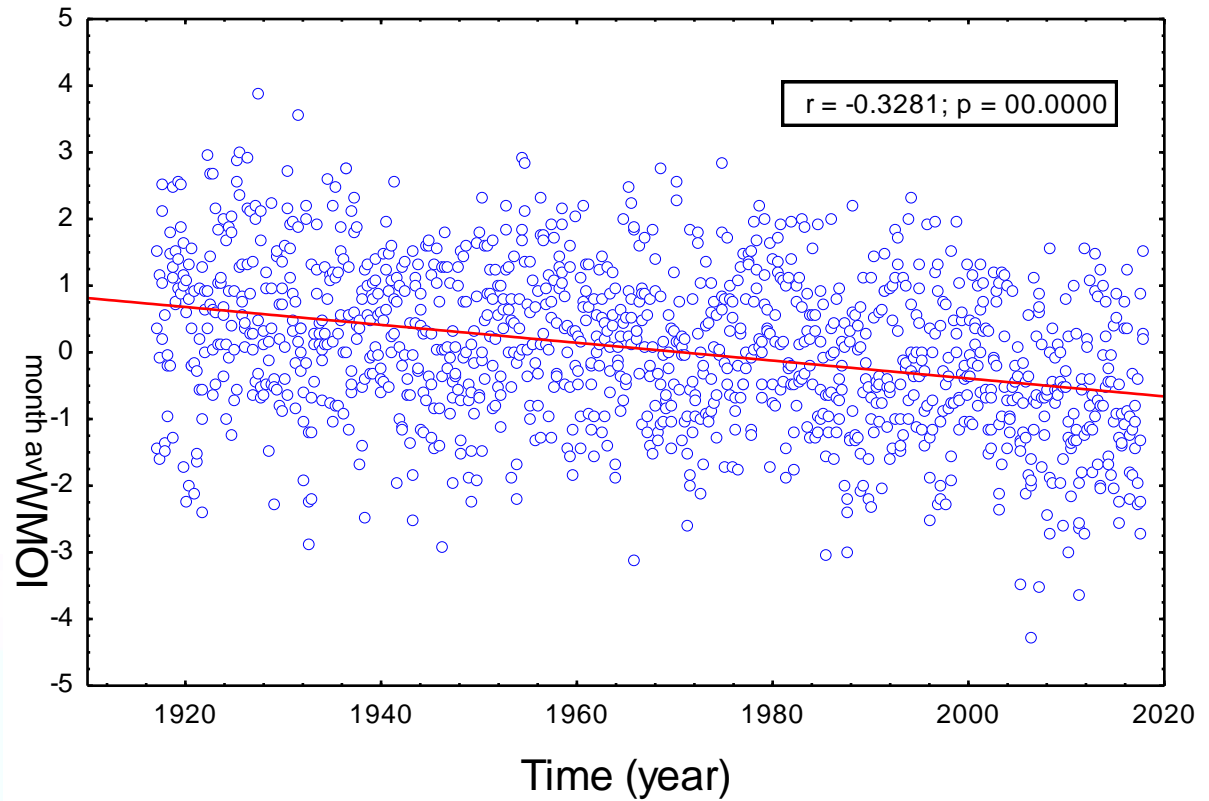
TsNumber	2
Name	Qyear m3 s-1
Years	1975 - 2018
N	44
Test S	
Test Z	-2.01
signific.	*
Q	-9.18E+00
Qmin99	-2.01E+01
Qmax99	2.66E+00
Qmin95	-1.74E+01
Qmax95	-5.24E-01
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Bmin99	2.96E+03
Bmax99	1.33E+03
Bmin95	2.77E+03
Bmax95	1.58E+03



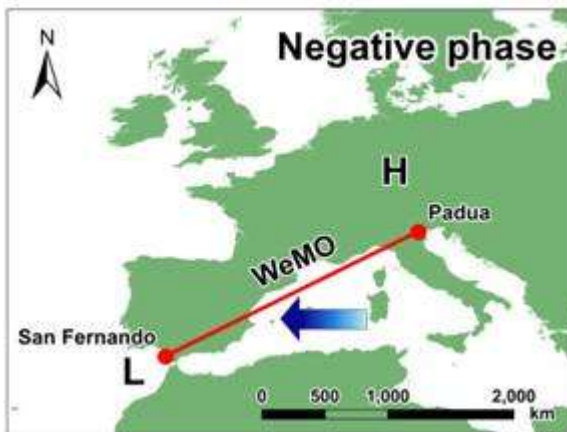
WMOI > 0



Western Mediterranean Oscillation (WMOI)  
(Cadiz-Padua, 1917-2017)



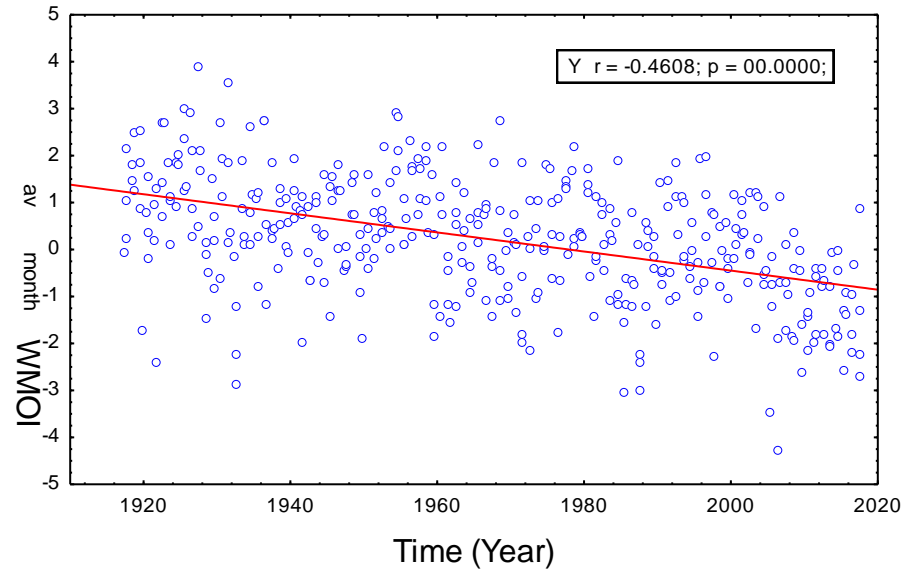
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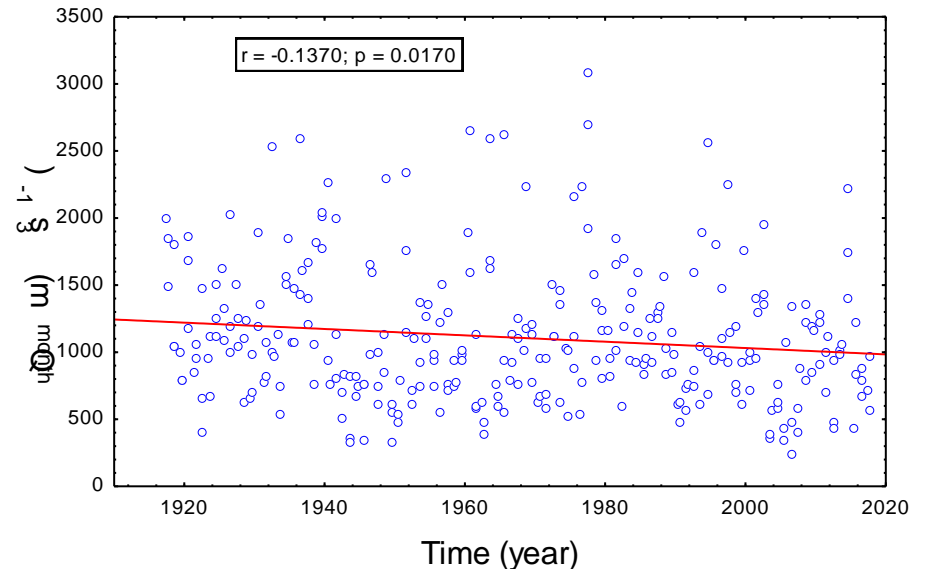
# WMOI & Po discharges

Month	Q vs WMOI 1917-2017	
	r	p
JAN	0.021	0.833
FEB	0.157	0.118
MAR	0.185	0.065
APR	<b>0.281</b>	<b>0.004</b>
MAY	0.070	0.490
JUN	<b>0.295</b>	<b>0.003</b>
JUL	<b>0.239</b>	<b>0.016</b>
AUG	<b>0.236</b>	<b>0.018</b>
SEP	<b>0.259</b>	<b>0.009</b>
OCT	0.012	0.903
NOV	0.150	0.135
DEC	0.495	0.625

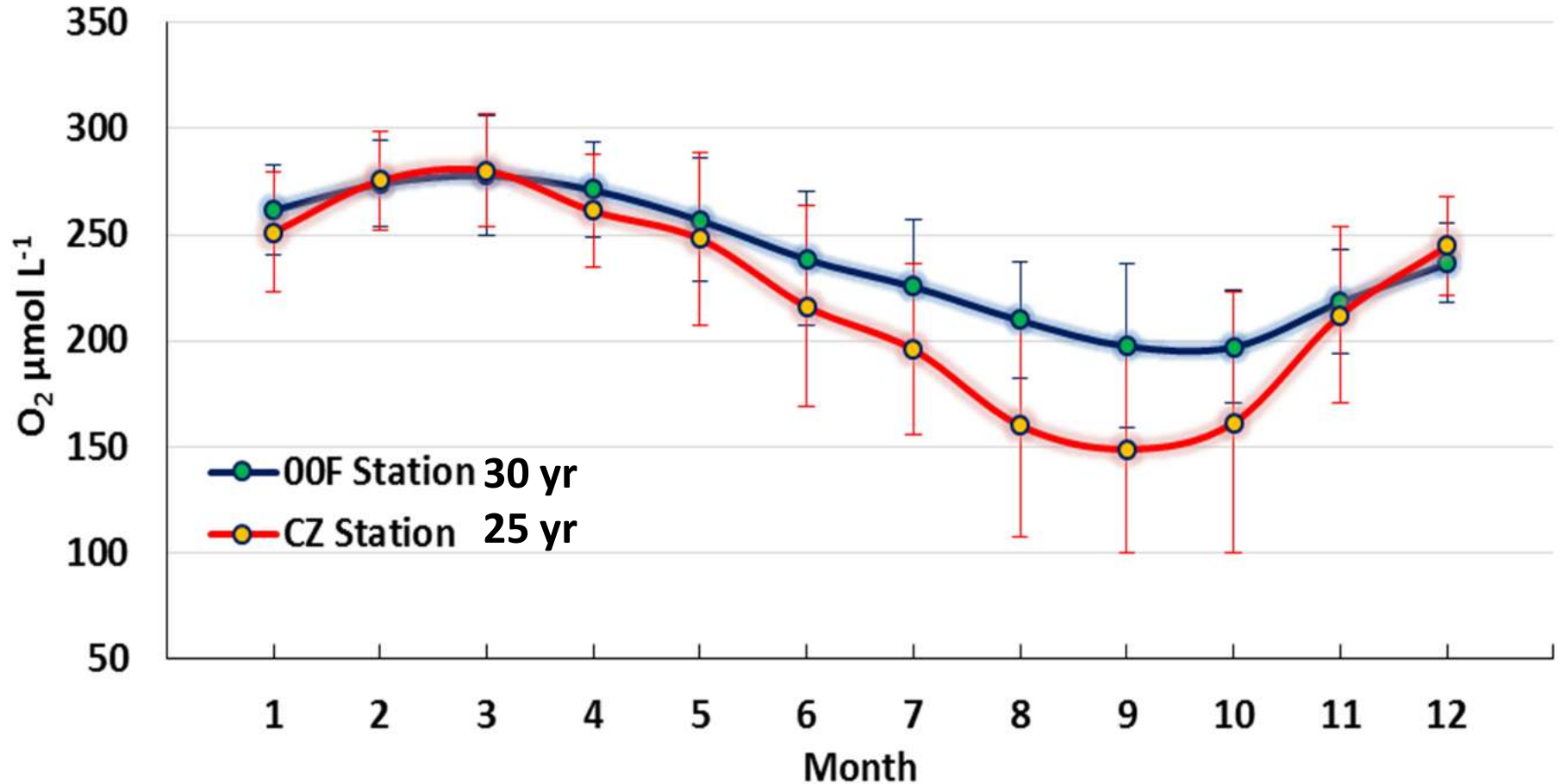
Western Mediterranean Oscillation Index (MOI)  
June-July-August-September  
1917-2017



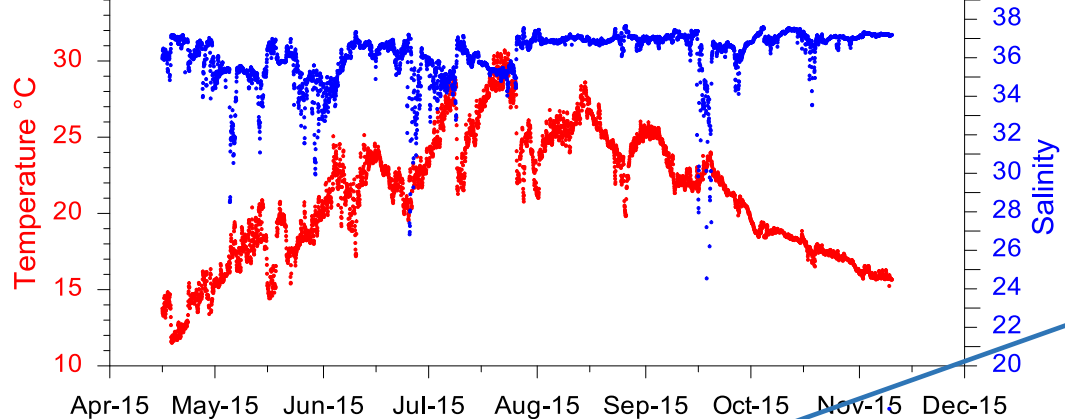
Po River discharge  
June-July-August-September  
1918-2018



# Monthly climatology of dissolved O<sub>2</sub> in bottom waters

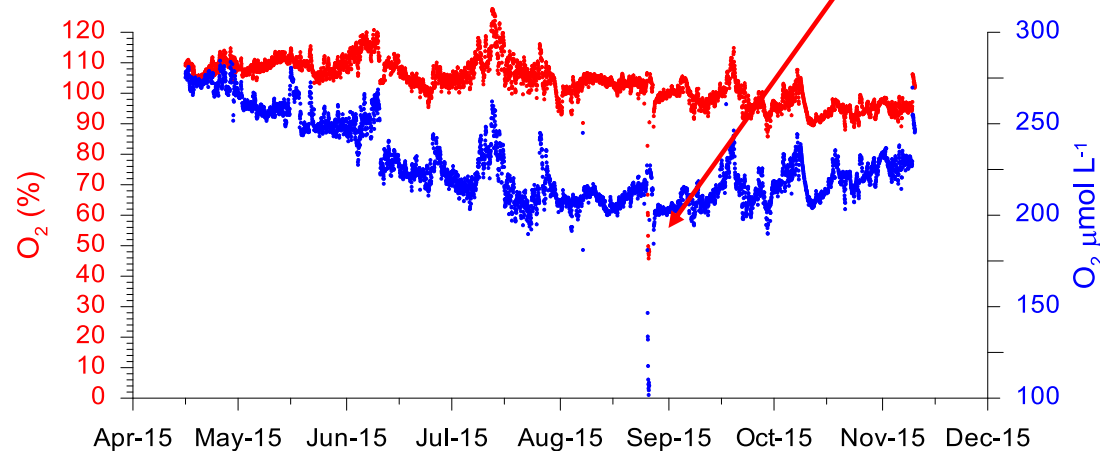
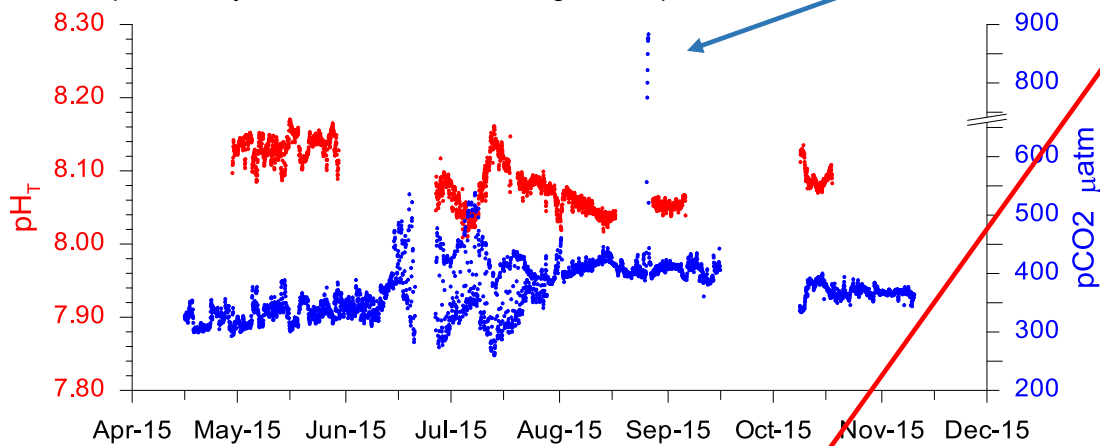


# Mambo buoy -1 m

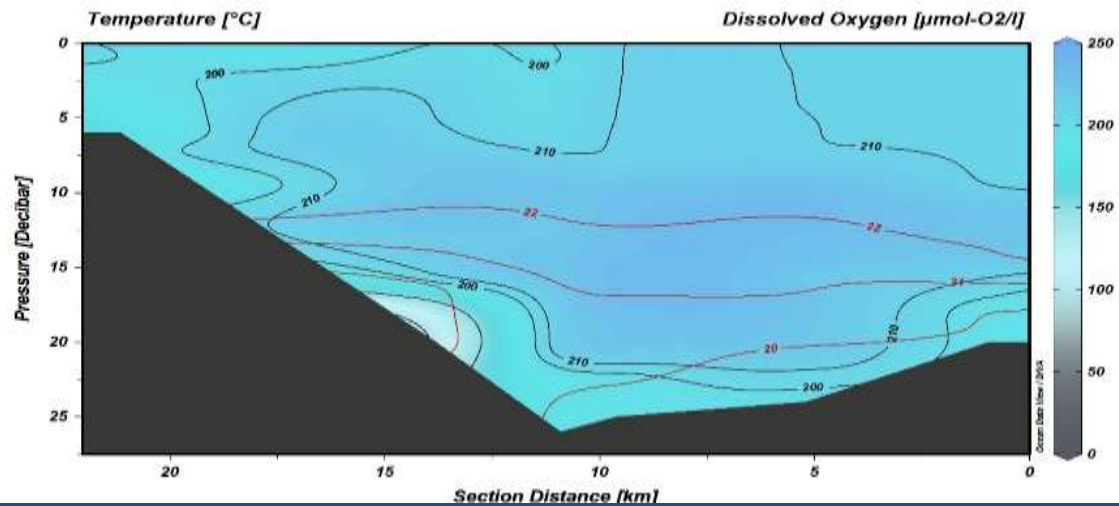
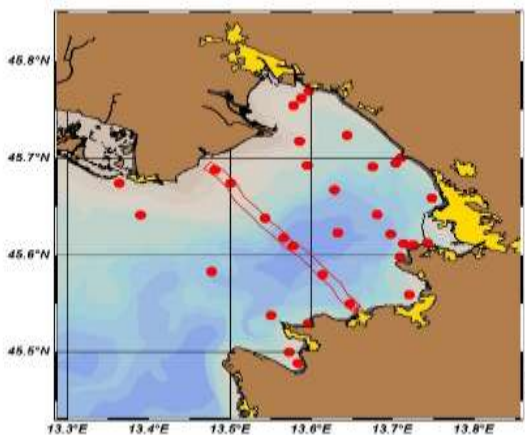
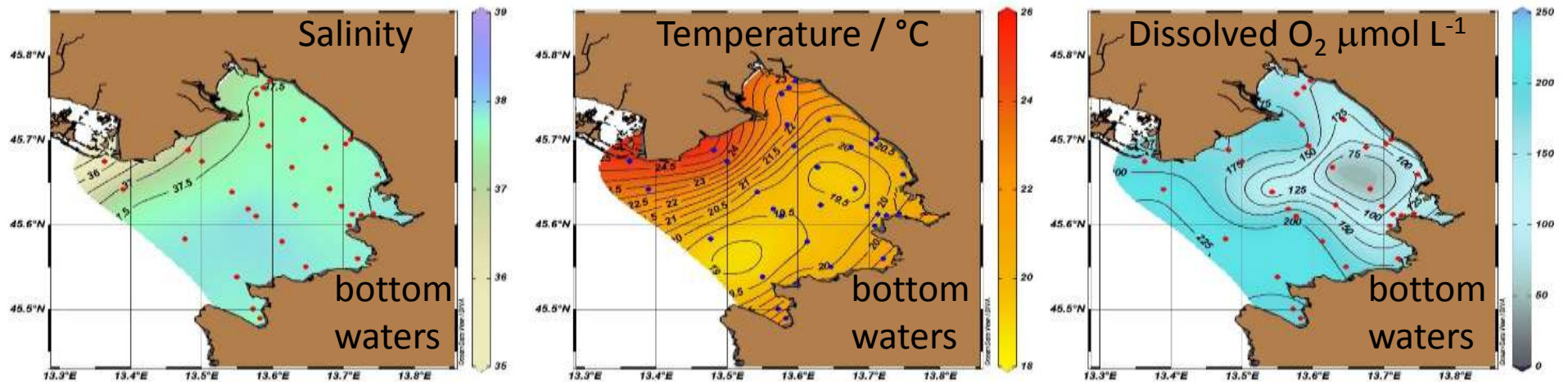


pCO<sub>2</sub> increase

drop of O<sub>2</sub>

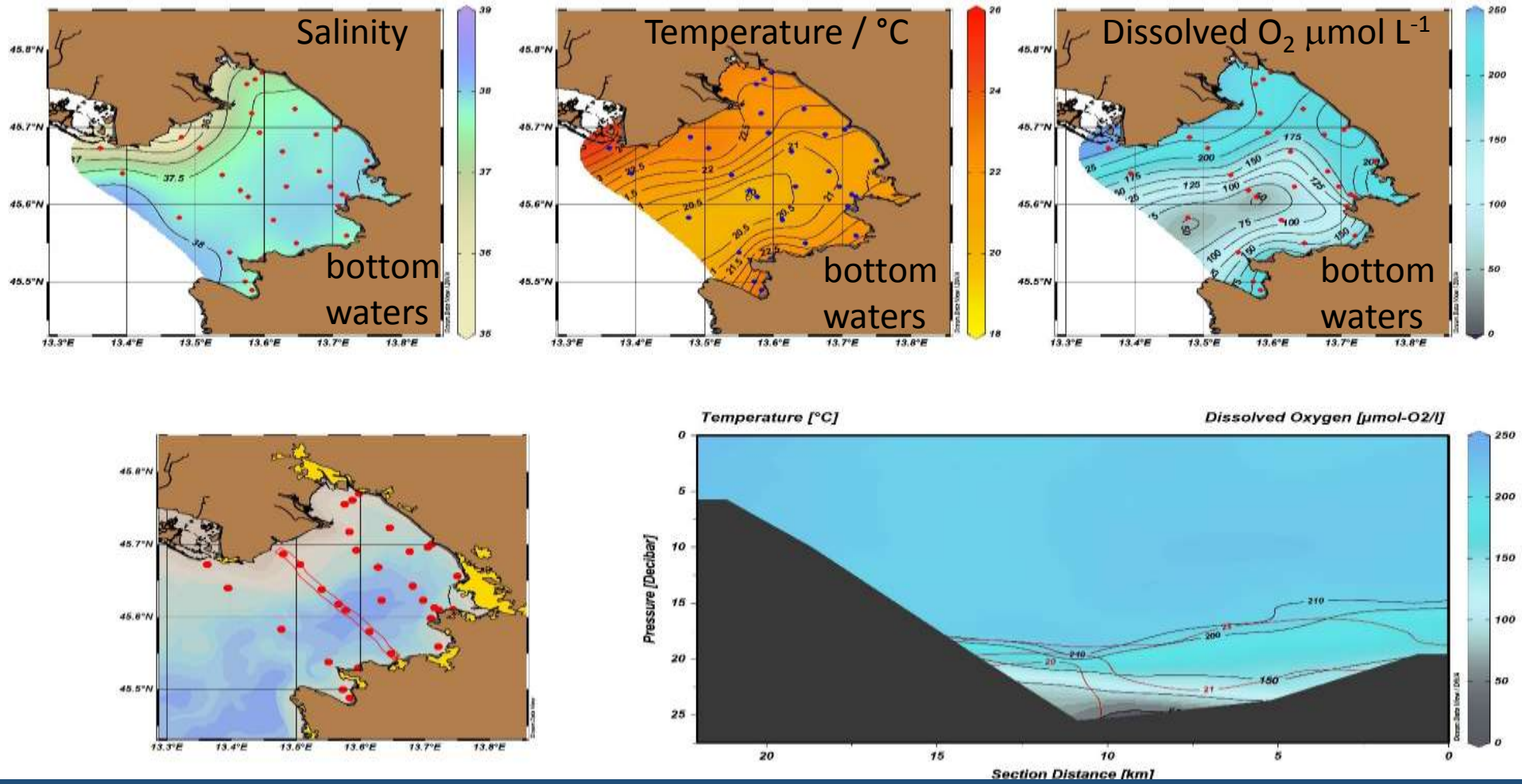


# August 2015



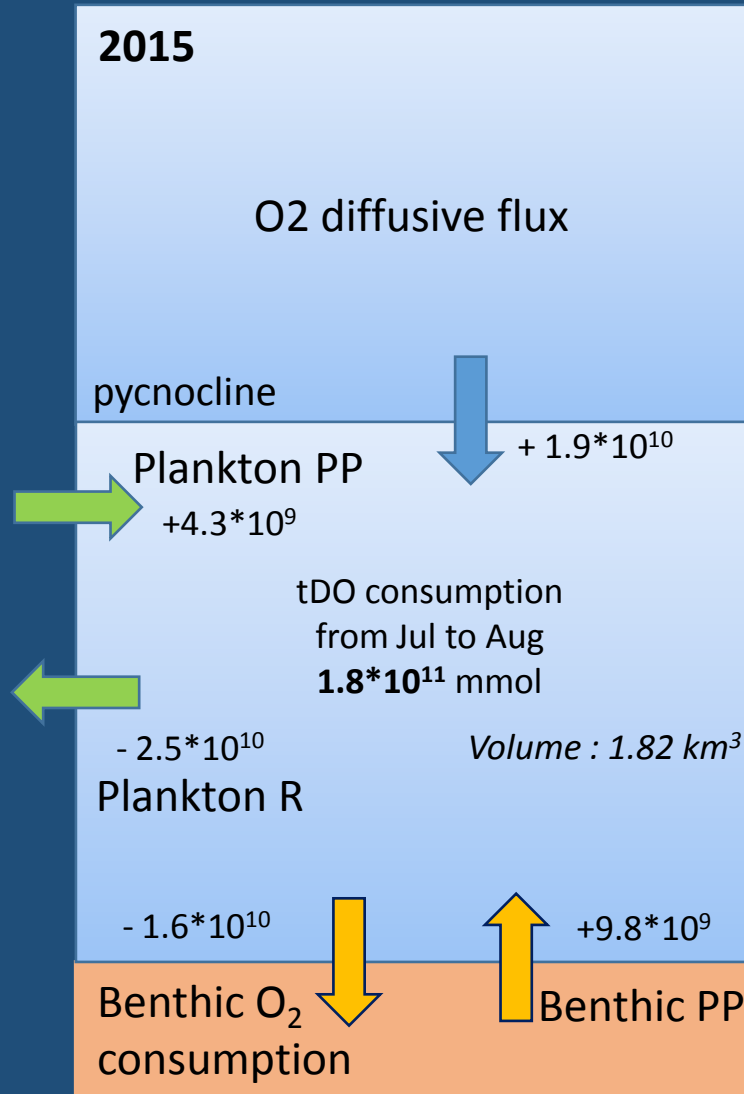


# August 2016



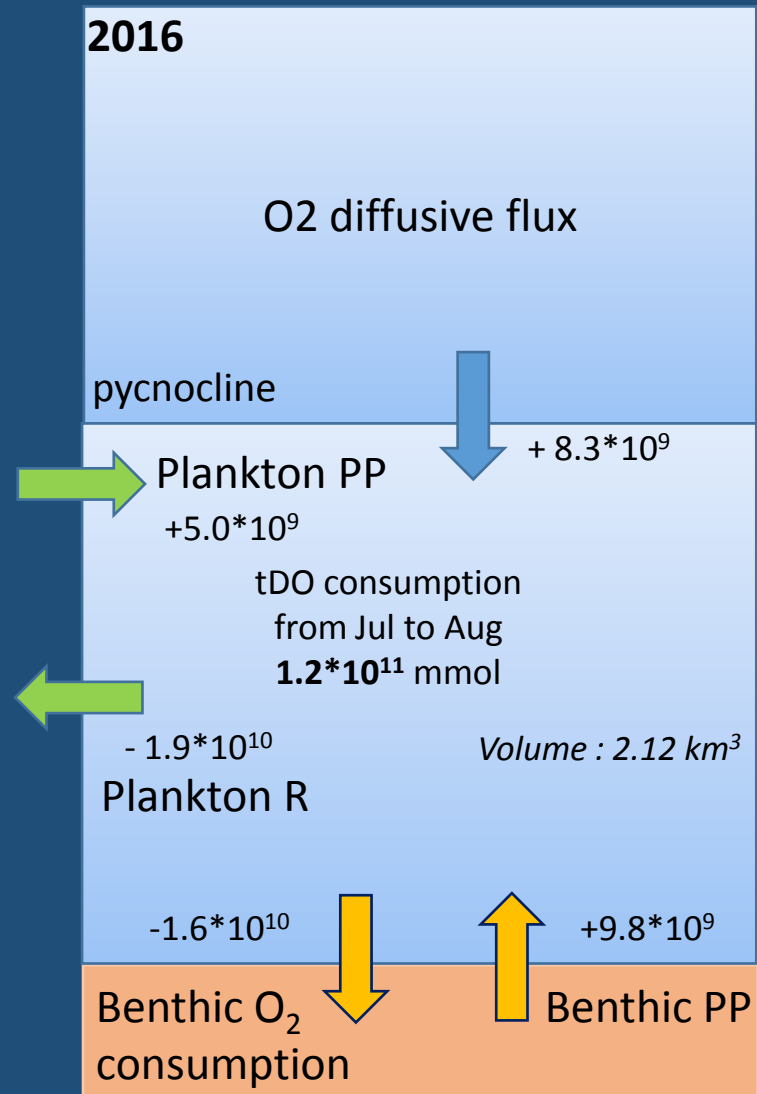
# Oxygen depletion in bo from July to August

*Rates expressed in  
mmol O<sub>2</sub> d<sup>-1</sup>*



**21 days**

**(44)**



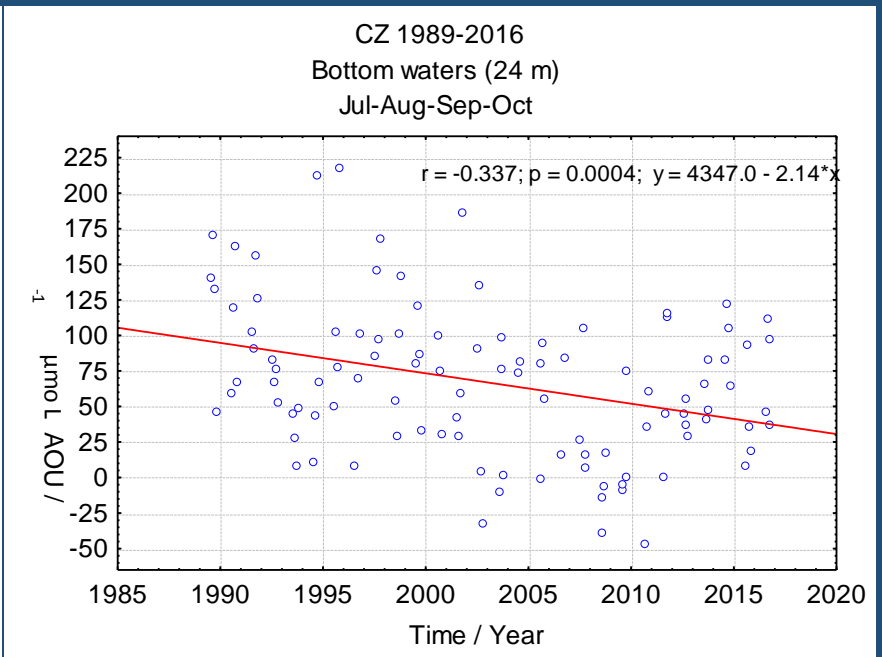
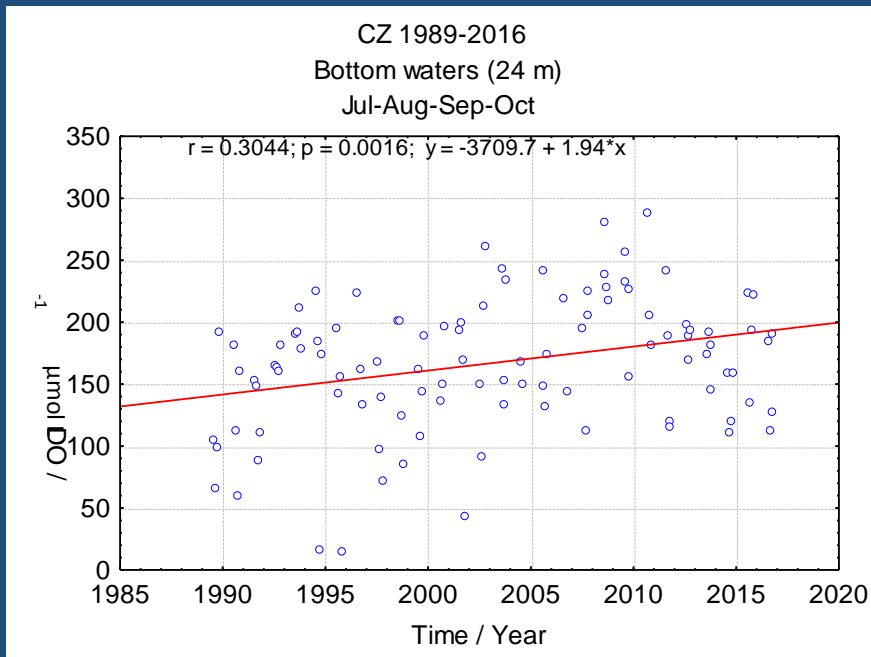
**10 days**

**(27)**

Days needed to deplete the oxygen

(days to reach hypoxia O<sub>2</sub> : 62.5 μmol O<sub>2</sub> L<sup>-1</sup>)

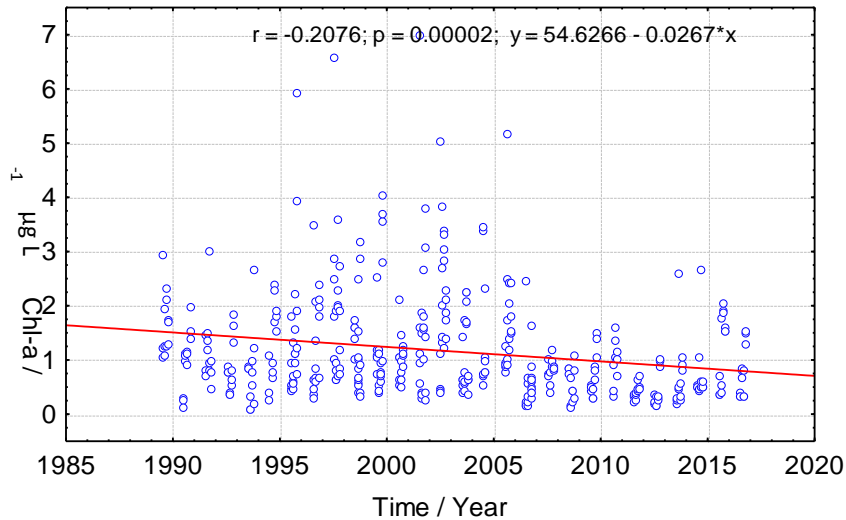
# O<sub>2</sub> trend in bottom waters $\geq 24$ m in summer-early autumn



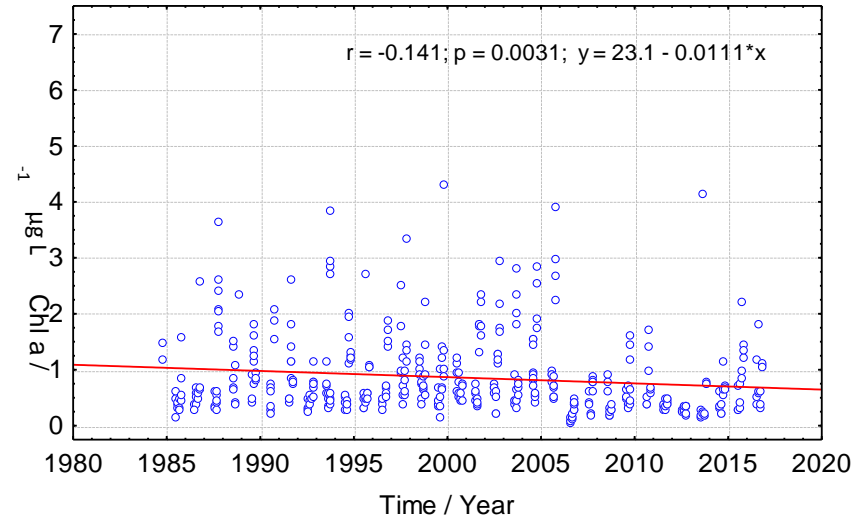
No temperature trends in these waters

# Chlorophyll a trends in water column in summer-early autumn

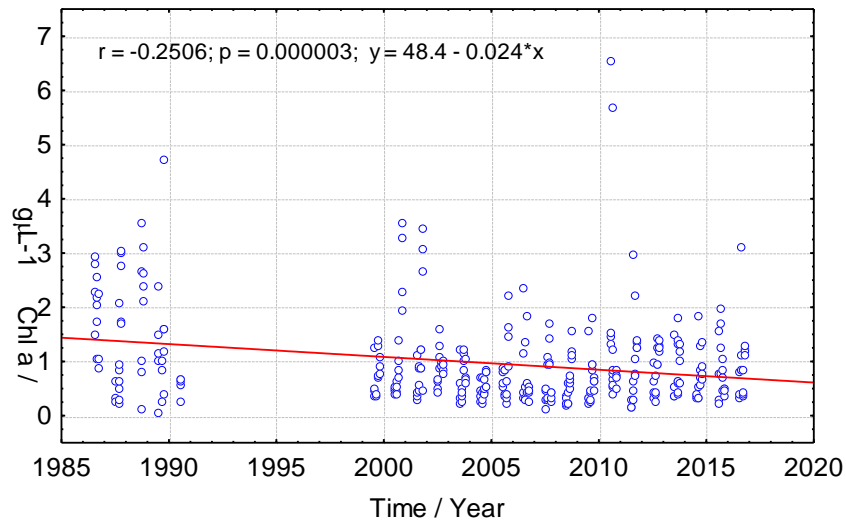
CZ 1989-2016  
0-20 m  
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct



00F 1983-2016  
0-20 m  
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct

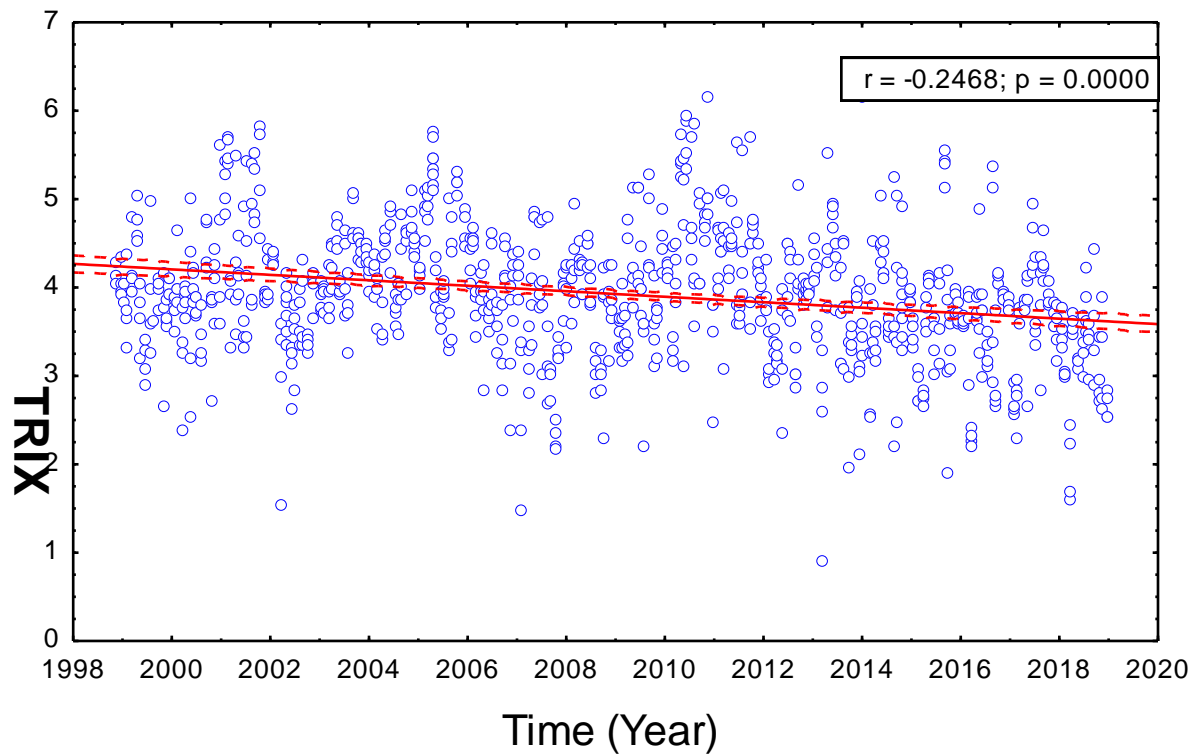


0-15 m  
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct



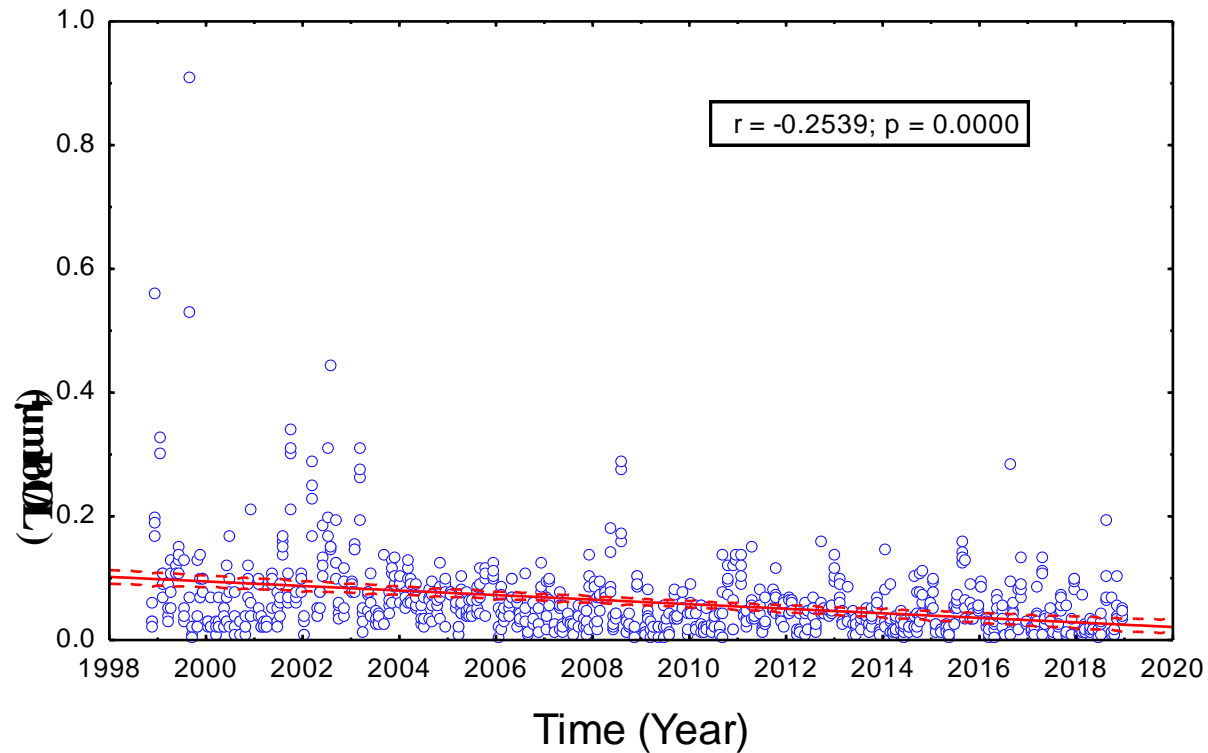
# Trend of TRIX index in the water column

C1 LTER  
1998-2018  
all water column data

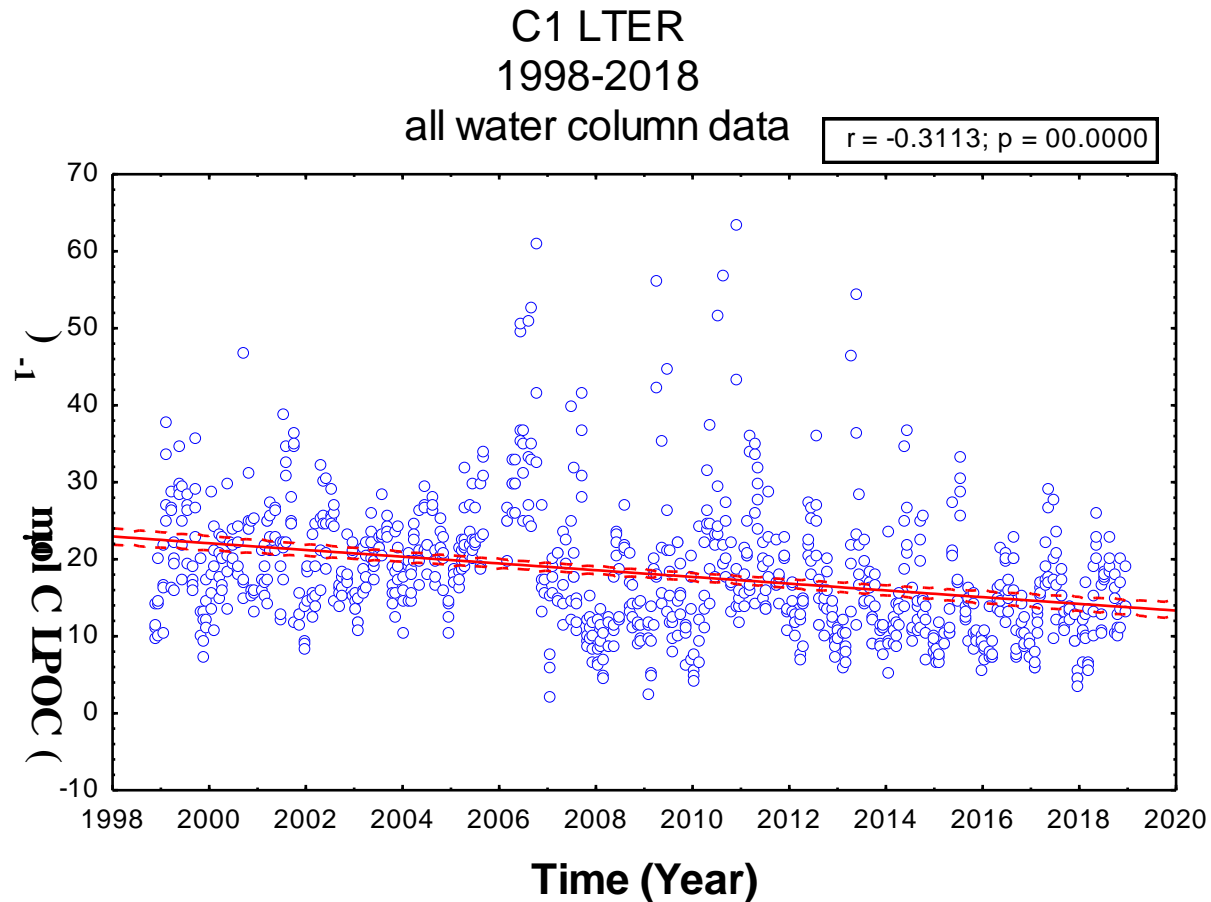


# Reactive P trend in the water column in the Trieste gulf

C1 LTER  
1998-2018  
all water column data

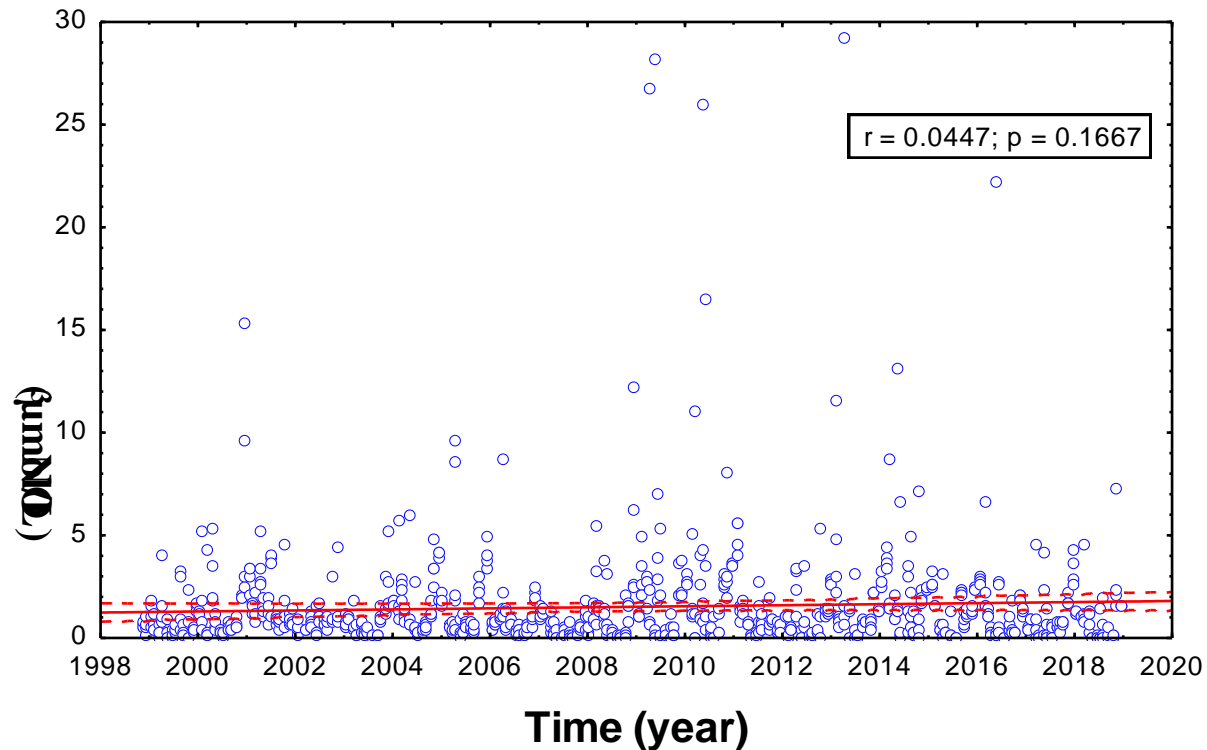


# Particulate organic carbon in the Trieste gulf



# Nitrates trend in the Trieste gulf

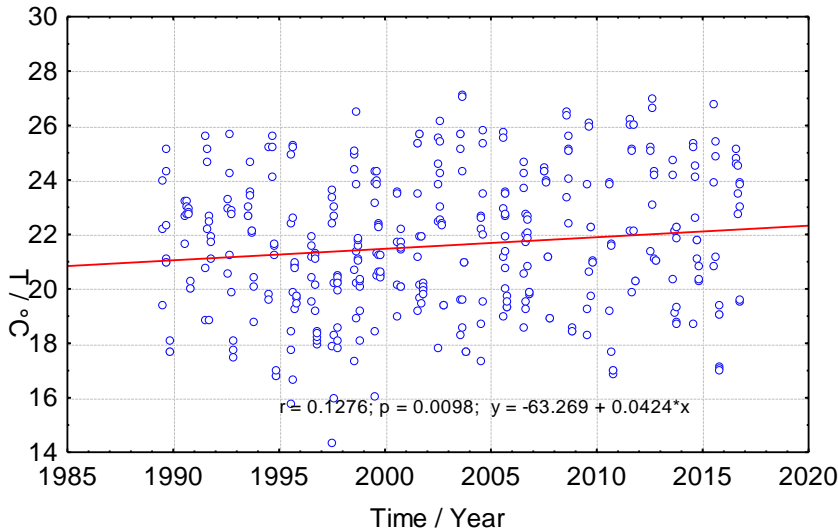
C1 LTER  
1998-2018  
all water column data



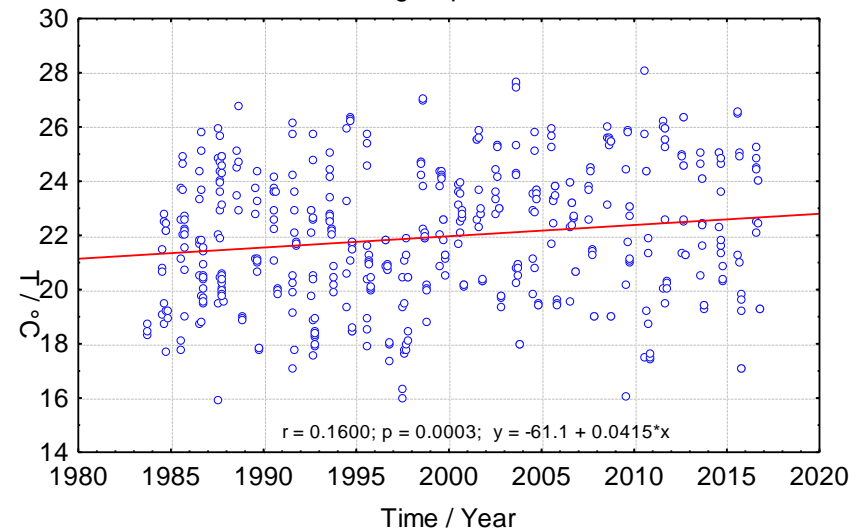


# Temperature trends in water column

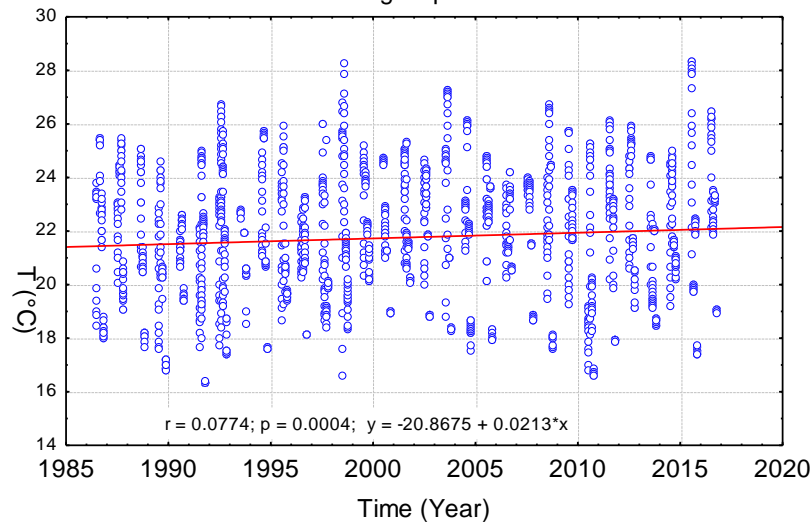
CZ 1989-2016  
0-20 m  
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct



00F 1983-2016  
0-20 m  
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct



C1 1986-2016  
0-15 m  
Jul-Aug-Sep-Oct

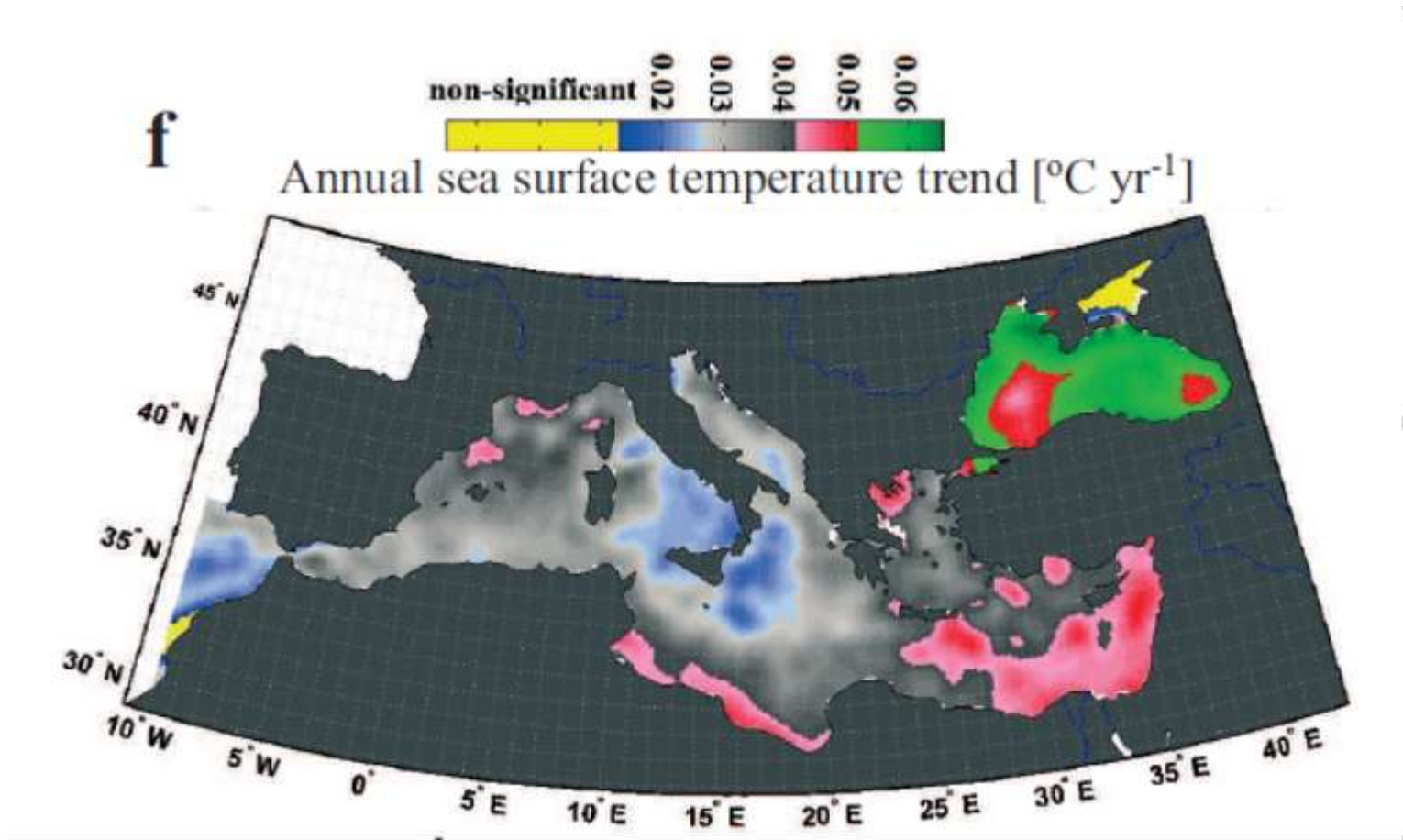


Max temperature  
increase:  $0.42 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/decade}$   
In accordance with  
satellite data estimates  
by *Shaltout & Omstedt,*  
*2014*



# Warming of surface Mediterranean waters

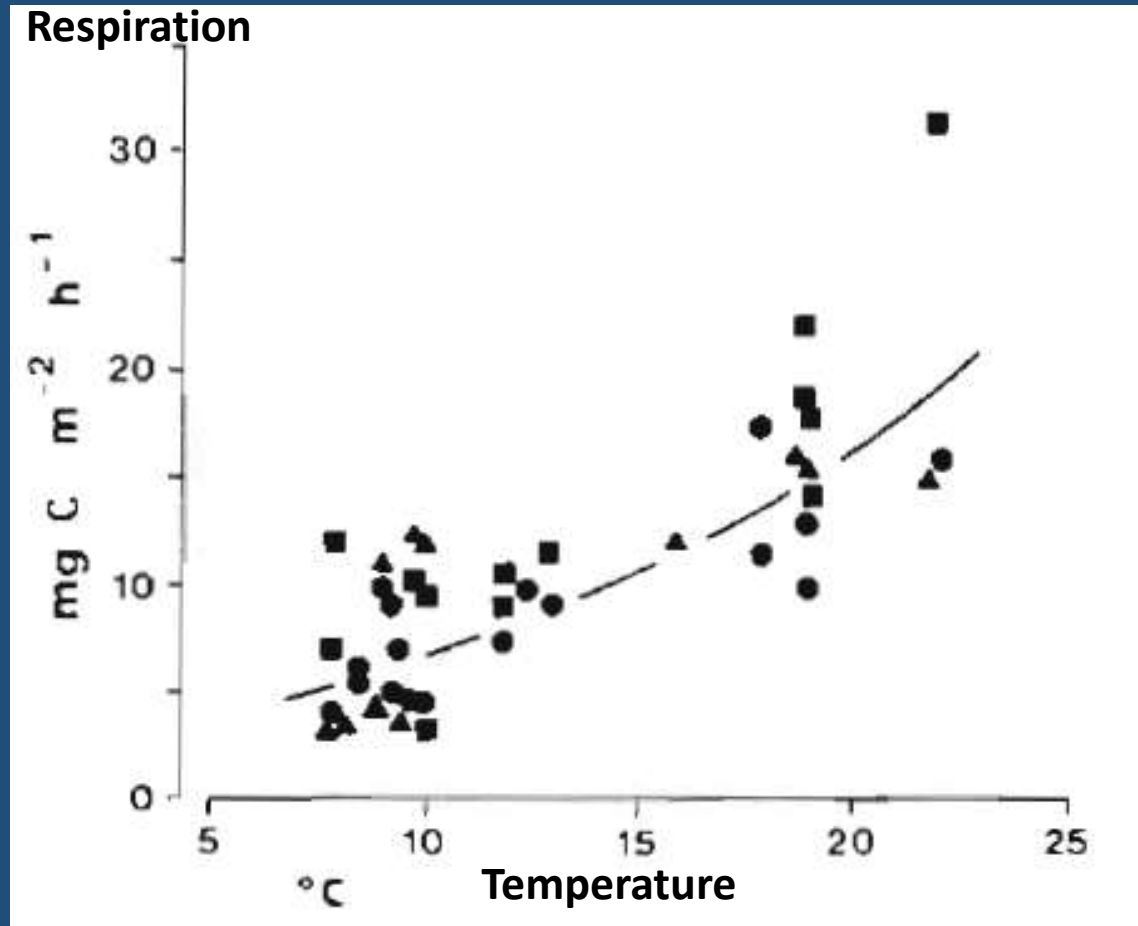
Mediterranean sea warming is of  $0.35^{\circ}\text{C}$  per decade (1982-2012), with a trend in the seasonal variability which is maximum in spring



# Linear correlations coefficients between water parameters and time for the time series in surface waters during summer-early autumn

Parameter	C1		00F		CZ	
	r	p	r	p	r	p
O <sub>2</sub>	-0.399	0.000	-0.411	0.000	-0.242	0.012
AOU	0.368	0.001	0.315	0.000	0.186	0.056
Chla	-0.265	0.015	-0.185	0.039	-0.250	0.010
NO <sub>3</sub>	0.141	0.237	-0.174	0.084	-0.095	0.363
PO <sub>4</sub>	-0.211	0.075	-0.297	0.003	-0.365	0.000
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.243	0.040	0.102	0.316	0.196	0.057

# Benthic respiration dependence on sediment temperature in the gulf of Trieste



*from : Herndl et al, MEPS 1989*

# Conclusions

- O<sub>2</sub> increase trends in bottom waters only in the deeper part of the gulf
- O<sub>2</sub> (and AOU) decreases in the water column at all stations due to temperature increase and chlorophyll decrease in the water column
- Plankton respiration accounted for 57-70 % of total respiration processes (benthos+plankton)
- Respiration processes (benthic and planktonic) can consume the O<sub>2</sub> in 2-3 weeks to critical levels of and could reach hypoxic conditions in 5-7 weeks
- Temperature effect on respiration could have a major role on the O<sub>2</sub> depletion in bottom waters, also in condition of P limitation trend

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